GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PIPELINE BETWEEN PARADIP AND RANCHI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to commission of pipeline between Paradip and Ranchi was under the consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the progress so far made in commissioning of this project;

(c) the estimated cost of said project; and

(d) the target date set for completion of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d): A feasibility report on the proposal for laying a product pipeline from Paradip to Ranchi was prepared by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) in 1996. Government advised IOCL in 1997 that the proposal be processed through the pipeline holding company, Petronet India Limited (PIL). PIL have not implemented the project.

However, IOC is at present examining an alternative proposal to lay a product pipeline from Paradip to Raipur via Rengali, including a branch pipeline to Bundu (near Ranchi) for evacuation of products from the proposed Paradip refinery. The proposal is at the conceptual stage and preliminary studies have been undertaken. It is linked to the commissioning of the Paradip Refinery project, which is likely to be completed in 2009-10.